FISCAL NOTE

SB 211

February 5, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that agreements, covering terms and conditions of professional service entered into by the Board of Education and professional employees' organizations *must include* procedures for final and binding arbitration over disputes arising out of the interpretation, application or violation of such agreement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

The number of disputes in which outside arbitrators would be used to settle disputes arising out of the interpretation, application or violation of agreements entered into by the Board of Education and professional employees' organizations cannot be determined. It is assumed that each time an impasse is reached in the negotiations, an outside arbitrator will be used to settle the dispute.

Estimate assumes local government expenditures will increase as the result of the required use of arbitration. The amount of such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000, since there are many areas where disputes could arise and arbitrators would be used.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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